

Govanhill Baths Community Trust – Annual General Meeting 2019
 Tuesday 23rd July 2019 commencing at 1800 hours
 Neighbourhood Centre Daisy Street, Daisy Street Street, Glasgow, G42 8JL.

Attendees:

Joe Beaver, Fatima Uygun, Nadine Gorency, Frances Diver, Carl Fenelon, Vivienne Wilson, Alex Wilde, Gerry Hassan, Ann Connacher, Niall Murphy, Donnie McFadden, Stevie West, Derek Marchant, Clare Docherty, Iain Christie, Leigh-Anne Russell, Angie Christie, Ruby Hirsch.

(Minute taker: Deirdre Watson).

Apologies: - Adam Gandy, Soraya Sddique.

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1	Welcome	Alex Wilde welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 6.10pm. It's been a full on year with many ups and downs and it's good to be able to say that the bulk of the money is in place to allow us to get going with the capital redevelopment. The building is about to be handed over. There is still hard work to do but the community are behind us and hopefully the pool will be open in 2021.
2	Apologies	Adam Gandy, Soraya Siddique.
3	Presentations from the staff	<p>Trust Manager: Fatima Uygun expressed how busy the Trust has been yet again this year. She explained that the aim has remained to regenerate the pool and building and to contribute to the Govanhill community as a whole delivering arts and social enterprises. This last year has again been remarkable. GBCT is on target to begin the capital build after 18 years. Rags to Riches is expanding, but not without challenges for the future. Swimming was strong up until the 31st October 2018 when the building officially closed, and the Govanhill Carnival was very successful. The new arts space, the Deep End has been established.</p> <p>Local people have continued to engage with the Trust in well-being classes, volunteering and partnership work. GBCT continues to be a major employer. The Learners Pool ran a Learn to Swim programme from April - October 2018 providing 562 lessons to 189 people. When the building closed on the 31st October 2018 a community celebration was held to mark the next phase of development. The Trust base has relocated to the old offices at 126 Calder Street and also uses Daisy Street Neighbourhood Centre. Staff will go on to detail some of their work but Fatima Uygun thanked all funders, staff and volunteers for their continuing efforts and support. Those attending were reminded of the necessity to maintain the profile in the community while the building is closed.</p> <p>GBArts. Fatima Uygun highlighted the importance of the Baths as an arts hub for Govanhill and the wider southside as it runs a variety of events across a wide range of disciplines, involving many partners as well as the in house projects. For example, the creation of the first Roma Cultural Centre in the UK, Exhibitions in the Foyer and the Christmas Pantomime Baba Yaga. The Festival and Carnival put on 48 events with 6000 people attending over 11 days.</p> <p>Archivist work this year has included, the Talk of the Steamie exhibition and conference which hosted events and workshops and was a great success. The Diaries of Thomas Cairns Livingstone exhibition, Langside 500, the work on the book, Loved and Lost in Govanhill, and the highly successful Suffragette Project which celebrated working class women getting the vote.</p> <p>Ruby Hirsch Wellbeing Programme. The aim is to improve health and wellbeing in Govanhill. Ruby Hirsch described courses delivered 2018-2019. These included: Pottery, now moved to a permanent studio from May 2019; Creative Writing, positive feedback with</p>

the development of a club for the future. Yoga, 4 x 6 week courses which were very well received and will be repeated. Archery, 1 which led to the creation of Southside Archery Club. Drawing, 2 courses with a drawing tutor. Cast Offs, 19 attending every week and field trips undertaken. Fly tying, 2x8 week courses, 15 engaged and has led to the creation of The Fishing Club. Chess Club, plans afoot for a tournament. In the future there are plans to expand the chess club to include more competitions. Plans to run Tai Chi for beginners. Pottery and Drawing will continue at the new permanent arts studios within the Deep End premises. Everyone is looking forward to next year.

Angie Christie, Youthwork: Angie Christie started to set up a youth club for 10-15 year olds last September, having identified that there was a gap in provision for this age group. The group is arts based and meets Thursday 6-8pm. It is accessible, and all young people are accompanied home. Key Achievements: there is no membership criteria as membership includes the whole area and all young people. Funding received from Thriving Places and Cashback for Communities has enabled the hiring of tutors providing new experiences for young people. The young people made the club space, were involved in the design of tee-shirts, sewing, played games, and attended swimming and the Tramway. The meeting saw examples of their impressive efforts during the presentation. The plan for the future is to recruit more young people, have another club night, increase funding and introduce more trips, e.g. camping.

Rags to Riches: Nadine Gorency spoke about the achievements of the Rags to Riches project which has launched a retail store in Victoria Road and has 4 new staff. There are 2 product design staff and 3 manufacturing staff. A new manufacturing base has been established in the Deep End and will keep supplying stock for the shop whilst the Baths building is out of commission.

Outreach work has increased. The shop is working with Clyde College on a marketing Project with 6 students developing a business plan and making promotional videos. Staff have been on a 2 day community learning exchange visit to Manchester.

There are four funded ongoing projects including Made for Play and Women on the Mend. The project has run the Scottish Upcycling Network supporting the national forum delivering events. Rags to Riches are also involved in the Carnival and staff have attended training events for example on Mental Health, and on Welding.

Rags to Riches was nominated for an Evening Times Environmental Award.

Nadine Gorency referred the meeting to the full table of achievements which was part of her presentation.

Although Net profit was £15,738 for the year, Nadine Gorency stressed that there is a need for new equipment and an immediate need to further develop retail products.

Nadine Gorency thanked all staff and volunteers and explained that though there have been many significant achievements in the past year, the future is not without real challenges.

Rags to Riches Clare Docherty is the retail manager. She informed the meeting that the shop currently receives grant funding from the Scottish Government and the European Social and Economic Growth Fund. She detailed a short comparison between work done last year and this year to illustrate the growth achieved in input and income. Workshops were delivered on jewellery making, crochet, macrame, dressmaking and upholstery skills. Feedback was very positive and new tutors were taken on and existing staff acquired new skills. The shop provides a community link and meeting place and dispenses local information by distributing leaflets. It has developed partnerships particularly with Glasgow College and the Job Centre creating placement opportunities. Clare Docherty went on to identify challenges and possible solutions to the challenges for the coming year. The rent is

		<p>very high and the premises have some physical challenges. There is a need to focus on new in house product development to bolster profits, for more marketing and promotion, recruitment of more volunteers and the need to increase income substantially in order to be sustainable as current grant funding will come to an end. She thanked everyone who has been involved with the project.</p> <p>Stevie West, the manager of the Deep End, explained that the baths had been closed since 31/10/18 so event and attendance figures for the building were understandably down on last year. He detailed that there had been 26 events with 1500 attendees including 2 exhibitions, 7 shows, 2 cinema screenings and 10 local hires.</p> <p>Since opening in May 2019 the Deep End has had 600 people through the door in the first month. It has housed 38 events including 6 drawing classes and 10 theatre rehearsals. There is one studio still to be let out. Stevie West invited those attending to spread this information advising anyone interested to contact deepend@govanhillbaths.com.</p> <p>Alex Wilde thanked all of those who had given presentations and expressed admiration for all of the projects. She invited questions from the floor. There were no questions from the floor.</p>
4	Update from Building Preservation Trust	<p>Niall Murphy, Chair of Govanhill Baths Building Preservation Trust explained to those present that there are 3 linked organisations involved in the ownership, regeneration and eventual running of the baths and related activities. The Council will be transferring ownership of the building, by sale, to Govanhill Baths Community Trust within the next few weeks all being well. This handover will enable the release of grant funding and work to be put out to tender estimated to start early next year. Govanhill Baths Community Benefit Society raised funds by issuing a share offer. Whilst GBCT raised grant funding for the building work it will be the Govanhill Baths Preservation Trust who will be delivering the build and who have to pay the contractors so grant funding will be novated to them to enable this work.</p> <p>Alex Wilde explained that at some point the building will be transferred from GBCT to CBS. GBCT will remain the landlord and owner and CBS will lease and run the building in the next 2 years.</p> <p>Alex Wilde acknowledged there is a lot of technical detail involved. A Learning and Outreach Officer is to be appointed to translate information and get it out to the public providing insights into the redevelopment of the building. She thanked Niall Murphy for his contribution this evening.</p>
5	Update from Community Benefit Society	<p>Fatima Uygun provided a brief update and referred to the Statement of Financial Activities made available at the meeting. The share offer was issued to raise funds. The amount raised reflects community interest and investment in the project and helped to attract other sources of funding. Achievements: 569 investors and a total of £259,000 raised. Average contribution of £280 with 373 paying £100. Fatima Uygun took the meeting through the statement. Money was transferred to GBCT to fund essentials of the building. She explained that every edition of What's On in Govanhill will have details of the capital build.</p>
6	Minutes of the 2018 AGM	<p>Alex W invited all to look over the draft minutes of the 2018 AGM minutes. These were proposed by Carl Fenelon and seconded by Alex Wilde as an accurate record of the meeting.</p>

7	Matters Arising	Alex Wilde explained that most matters had been covered in the presentations but invited any other questions from those present. Stevie West asked when the building will be open? Alex Wilde replied the estimated time is summer 2021.
8	Presentation of accounts	<p>Standing in as Treasurer, Frances Diver presented the accounts for the year, referring to the Statement of Financial Activities made available at the meeting. She highlighted Trust income of £292,647 and expenditure of £309,506. The shortfall is covered by an outstanding amount of grant funding yet to be paid for work which has been delivered.</p> <p>Frances Diver reported that given the upheaval of the move and the development of the new arts space, the Deep End, the financial situation looks good. She reflected that one fifth of the income is generated by activities which is a measure of the success this year. She acknowledged that GBCT is not as cash rich as at this time last year but explained that Phase 1b is now controlled by the separate entity GBPT. There were no questions from the floor about the accounts. The AGM approved the accounts and further approved the decision to retain the Kelvin Partnership as the Trust Accountants and Auditors for the next year.</p>
9	Election of trustees	<p>There are 4 board members stepping down at this meeting. They are, Alex Wilde, Vivienne Wilson, Joe Beaver and Quasim Khan. In addition Emily Beardsmore, Associate board member, is also standing down. Alex Wilde informed the meeting that Vivienne Wilson, Joe Beaver and herself are happy to stand again and be reappointed. Alex Wilde thanked Emily Beardsmore for her service as an Associate board member.</p> <p>Alex Wilde invited those present to spread the word that the board are always looking for new members. GBCT want to ensure that there is a diverse balance of members, and at this expansive time, is particularly looking to recruit those who have a legal or human resources background. Volunteers can always put themselves forward as Associate members in the first instance and progress to full board membership if they wish. Alex Wilde invited any interested parties to contact her by email on alexwilde@govanhillbaths.com.</p>
10	AOB	<p>Alex Wilde thanked everyone for attending and thanked the minute taker.</p> <p>Next AGM is in summer 2020, venue and date to be confirmed.</p>